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REMARKS

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 30-51 in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-29 are cancelled, without prejudice or any disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

The present claims clarify that: (1)the source gas vaporized in the source bottle is transported to the reaction vessel via the source gas line; (2) the concentration of the source gas in the source gas line is adjusted by adding thereto a diluting gas from a diluting gas line connected to the source gas line at the node between the source bottle and the reaction vessel; (3) the source gas line and the diluting gas line are provided with respective flow controllers: (4) and a controller is provided that controls the first and second flow controllers such that deviation of the source gas composition from a target composition is reduced. In particular, independent claim 30 is directed to a film forming apparatus, while claim 51 is directed to a source supply system.

The claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112, 102 and 103 are rendered moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, are believed to disclose or suggest all of the elements of the presently-pending claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Although an Extension of Time is submitted herewith, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #010986.52578US).

Respectfully submitted,

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